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Background information on Professor Eugene ONATZKY,
 anti-Communist Ukrainian member of the ~~Prowod of the UDN~~
Ukrainian Nationalist Organization, now residing in Buenos
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Subject: Professor Eugene ONATZKY (ONACKI) © M. DANKO

1. Professor Eugene ONATZKY is a member of the Prowod of OUN, an international organization of Ukrainian nationalists founded in 1924 in Eastern Galicia. It was then a political organization using terroristic methods not unlike the Ustashi organization with which it was on friendly terms. Colonel Eugene KONOWALETZ headed OUN before the war, but after his assassination by the NKVD in Rotterdam by a time bomb, he was succeeded by his closest associate, Colonel Andrei MELNYK for whom subject was political advisor. At that time OUN was pro-German because it saw in Germany the only hope of defeating Soviet Russia.

2. With the outbreak of the war in 1939, the OUN was split into two factions with the proclamation in Lwow by Stefan BANDERA, a prominent member of the Prowod, of "the Independence of the Western Ukrainian State." ONATZKY disapproved of BANDERA's action and continued to support MELNYK. When the Germans arrested BANDERA and MELNYK and later persecuted them and other nationalist leaders, ONATZKY, with the assistance of his associate, Professor Omelian NIZHANKIWSKY, became head of all Ukrainian nationalist organizations throughout the world. NIZHANKIWSKY was also a member of OUN's Prowod and head of the Ukrainian "Golden Cross," an organization for aid to imprisoned Ukrainian nationalists.

3. ONATZKY cooperated with German propaganda and under the pseudonym M. DANKO contributed articles to the ~~published~~ Buenos Aires Ukrainian weekly "Nash Klych!" Also, through friends in Buenos Aires, subject's political instructions were forwarded to the United States at 11 East 7th Street, New York 3, New York.

4. As soon as it became clear that the Germans did not plan an independent Ukraine, ONATZKY deserted them and went to Switzerland where he worked and lived with (fmu) JEREMIJEW, a pro-Allied Ukrainian politician residing at that time at Case 203, 3 Rue de Rive, Geneva, Switzerland.

5. When the Soviet Army invaded the Ukraine, ONATZKY went to Istanbul from where he contacted his underground followers from Russia. He stayed at the home of Mikola ZABIELLO at Beyoglu p.k. 224. In the meantime, ONATZKY organized a branch of the OUN in Stockholm known as the Ukrainian Bureau of Information, headed by Bohdan KETRZYNSKI, a Pole born in 1919 in Rowne, Poland, and married to a Finn. KETRZYNSKI has a Nansen passport.

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After the cessation of hostilities, MELNYK resumed control of OUN, and subject was sent to Buenos Aires as MELNYK's representative in South America. He arrived from Italy in 1947 and took over "Nash Klych" in which he published most of his work on "The Basic Principles of Social Order." Jose (Ivan) KRYWYJ, ~~REARDED~~, the former editor, was given the important job of penetrating the Ukrainian Communists and their organization. KRYWYJ is assisted by (fnu) MUSZYNSKI, a former assistant of KONOWALETZ, who arrived in this country with ONATZKY. This information service has already been able to expose some Communist activities.

7. Subject resides at Calle Maza 150, Buenos Aires. He is financed by a group of Ukrainians from whom he receives about 600 pesos monthly (US \$150).

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